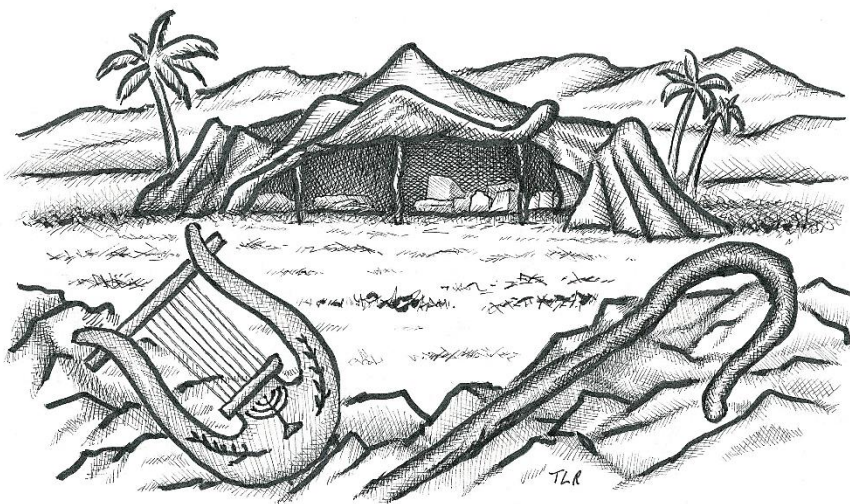


# THE RISE OF ISRAEL



"After these things I will return, and I will build again the tent of David, which has fallen down..." (Acts 15:16)



"At that time I will restore David's fallen tent, restoring its torn places. I will restore its ruins, rebuilding it as it was long ago, so my people may inherit the remnant of Edom and all of the nations that bear my name," declares the LORD who is bringing this about.

—Amos 9:11-12 (ISV)

**VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH OF ARMAGH**  
**JANUARY THE 28<sup>TH</sup>, AD 2024**

# The LORD'S Day

The Twenty-eighth Day of January, *in the Year of our Lord* 2024

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Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!



## Sunday School—9:30 AM.



“No matter how much injustice I have suffered from the hands of other people, I have never suffered the slightest injustice from the hand of God.”—*R.C. Sproul*

## Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

Call to Worship:\* *“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”* (#48, v. I).

Invocation.\*

Hymn: *“Praise Him! Praise Him!”* (#59).

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Amos 9:1-15.

Prayer, Praises, and Testimony.

Hymn: *“In My Heart there Rings a Melody”* (#228).

Announcements.

Hymn: *“Jesus is Lord of All”* (#67).

Dismissal of Youth for Children's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *“THE RIDDLE OF JEWISH SURVIVAL (Part II).”*

Closing Hymn:\* *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”* (#31; vv. 1, 2).

Benediction.\*



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*\*The Congregation will please arise, if able.*



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## Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study: 6:30 PM



WEEK OF JAN. 21– JAN. 27

Sunday School—6; Morning Worship—13;

Midweek—No Service; Weekly Offering—\$666.<sup>00</sup>



### CAMP MANTOWAGAN



The following information is culled from a written report by **Rick Strapello** (Jan. 9, 2024), and also from an **online digital newsletter** (the digital report—*Fall 2023*—is available at <https://www.campmantowagan.com/newsletter1>).

- In 2023, Camp Mantowagan hosted 29 **retreat groups**, utilized by some 1,200 individuals of all ages.
- **Summer Camp 2023** was a large one, in which 1,900 campers and staff collectively participated in **1) five weeks of District Camp** (662 campers & approx. 150 staff & volunteers; 65 salvation-decisions), **2) four rental group weeks**, and **3) two 1-day events**. In these combined events, 75 made *salvation-profession decisions*, and many others made *rededication-decisions*. District Camp theme was **“Together.”** In some campfires, District teens opened-up about drug addiction and various mental health issues.
- The **New Chapel Fund** stands at \$776,997.29 (of which \$124,988.70 was donated this year). It is anticipated that an additional \$1,500,000 will be required for completion. Lord willing, *Phase 1* construction will begin in 2024.
- Many **other projects** were completed: e.g., new siding for the gym, new heater for girl's cabin #5, backlights for the gym, old furnace replacement, central air, heat pump system, paddleboards, digital piano, & mountain bikes, etc. A more detailed list is available online.
- For more information, photos, videos, testimonies, etc., please visit **[www.campmantowagan.com](http://www.campmantowagan.com)**.

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# THE RIDDLE OF ISRAEL'S SURVIVAL

Pastor Terry Reese, Valley GBC of Armagh, PA (01/21/24)

## I. The miracle & mystery of Jewish survival.

By all logical expectations, the Jew should no longer exist; the *assimilation & persecution* associated with the **Diaspora** (“Dispersion”) should have finished him—yet he survives! HOW?

## II. The Abrahamic Covenant: the central Scriptural covenant. (e.g., Gen. 12:1-3, 15:9-21, 17:1-8, 22:15-18).

- a. God made unconditional promises to his friend, Abraham!
- b. God chose & called an unworthy people (Dt.9:4-5; 17:7) for the purpose of making them a Holy People (Dt. 17:6).
- c. He would bless the whole earth through that people, giving them His Word, and sending the Messiah from them...
- d. He would provide a land & a brilliant destiny for that people.

## III. Despite the present estrangement (Matt. 21:33-41, 23:34-39; Rom. 9-11), God will spiritually restore them (Zech 12:10, Matt. 23:39, Rom. 11:26)—the culmination of the work of the *Two Witnesses* (Rev. 11) and the *144,000* (Rev. 7:3-8, 14:1-5).

He will rescue them (Zech. 14:3-5, 9, 12) from the *Time of Jacob's Trouble* (Jer. 30:7, Dan. 12:1, Zech. 13:8-9)...

He will regather them from the nations where they had been dispersed (Deut. 30:1-6), ending the *Diaspora* that has marked the *Times of the Gentiles* (Luke 21:24; Dan. 2&7)—which extend from the Babylonian Captivity until the Second Coming...

He will honor His eternal land grant to them, and restore His Holy Temple—the Great Millennial Temple (Ezek. 40-48)—and fill it with His Glory (Ezek. 43:1-4)...

He will make Israel the Head of Nations in His Kingdom (*Mic. 4:1-2*) and the Jews the most honored of people (*Zech. 8:20-23*).

Everything declared in **Scripture MUST be fulfilled** (e.g., Matt. 26:54, Acts 1:16)—the *true* secret of Jewish survival!

## IV. BUT individual Jews MUST repent & trust in MESSIAH—or they CANNOT be saved (John 14:6, Acts 4:12)!!! So-called “Dual Covenant Theology” (e.g., John Hagee; i.e., the idea that Jews will supposedly be saved by “keeping” the Mosaic Law) is **FALSE** (Rom. 3:20,23; Gal. 2:16, 21)!!!